

RESOLUTION NO. 13-776

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that the Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is hosting their Omega Psi Phi Alabama Statewide Meeting at the Holiday Inn in beautiful downtown Huntsville on October 18-20, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, on Friday evening, November 17, 1911, three Howard University undergraduate students, with the assistance of their faculty adviser, gave birth to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. This event occurred in the office of biology Professor Ernest E. Just, the faculty adviser, in the Science Hall (now known as Thirkield Hall). The three liberal arts students were Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper and Frank Coleman; and,

WHEREAS, from the initials of the Greek phrase meaning "friendship is essential to the soul," the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. The phrase was selected as the motto. Manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift were adopted as cardinal principles; and,

WHEREAS, on May 30, 1948, five college graduate men of Omega, gave birth to the Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. This event occurred under the direction of Herschel B. Cashin, John L. Cashin, Jr., Alfred G. Adams, Charles Brandon and Robert A. Carter; and,

WHEREAS, year thirteen college graduates were initiated as new members. They were W.G. Adams, Walter Burs, Jesse Champion, Shrib B. Gilbreath, Benjamin L. Hall, Jr, W.H. Hollins, James Lemons, W.H. Lewis, Charles W. Orr, Wilton V. Robertson, Jackie Robinson, J.A. Simpson, and Morris H. Williams; and,

WHEREAS, in 1964, the John L. Cashin, Sr. Memorial Scholarship was established for graduating high school seniors; and,

WHEREAS, in 1966, the Dean R.A. Carter Memorial Scholarship was established for undergraduate Omega brothers at Alabama A&M University; and,

WHEREAS, the Xi Omicron Chapter holds several Life Members in the NAACP and has recently completed a Golden Heritage Life Membership. Since its inception the chapter has contributed over \$10,000 to UNCF; and,

WHEREAS, in 1993, the Xi Omicron Chapter was recognized as "Graduate Chapter of the year" into the seventh district; and,

WHEREAS, Omega continues to flourish in Huntsville, largely because it seeks men of the very highest ideals and intellect. The Xi Omicron Chapter has a rich heritage. That heritage is to be protected, celebrated and continually enhanced; and,

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WHEREAS, the City Council express their appreciation to Mr. Wayne M. Leonard, Jr., 2013 State Meeting Committee Chairman; Mr. LeMonte Green and the entire Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Planning Committee for selecting Huntsville as the location for the Statewide Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate the Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., on their Omega Psi Phi Alabama Statewide Meeting and extend a warm welcome and best wishes for continued success.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of October, 2013.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 10th day of October, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama